

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 787

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John and Celia Harrison, owners of Sweetwater Valley Farm, Inc., upon its designation as the Innovative Dairy Farm of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute that most noble agricultural institution, the farm, which serves as a cornerstone for our communities while bringing credit and acclaim to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy farm is Sweetwater Valley Farm, Inc., a dairy farm owned by John and Celia Harrison. Sweetwater Valley Farm has been designated as the 2012 Innovative Dairy Farm of the Year by the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA); and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were recognized at an awards breakfast at the Dairy Forum 2012 in La Quinta, California; and

WHEREAS, John and Celia were selected for this prestigious award due to their focus on agritourism and their farmstead cheddar operation; and

WHEREAS, located between the towns of Philadelphia and Loudon, Sweetwater Valley Farm is in the heart of southeast Tennessee's dairy-rich Sweetwater Valley and is known for its vitality and progress; and

WHEREAS, while today's Sweetwater Valley Farm cheese is produced in a state-of-the-art facility, John Harrison has preserved the fine art and craft of making cheese in the traditional farmstead manner, in which they control the process from cow to consumer in order to create high-quality cheddar cheese; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud John and Celia Harrison for their dedication to farming, recognizing

the importance of the dairy farm to our communities and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and commend John and Celia Harrison, owners of Sweetwater Valley Farm, upon its designation as the IFDA's Innovative Dairy Farm of the Year, a fitting recognition of its contributions to the agribusiness industry in Tennessee, and extend to the Harrison family our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.